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SUBJECT US/ARGENTINA COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TODAY
FROM AMBASSADOR RAFAEL M VAZQUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOREIGN MINISTRY:
"DEAR AMBASSADOR: THIS LETTER IS IN REFERENCE TO OUR
RECENT CONVERSATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE US IN THE FIELD
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. I THINK THAT OUR
CONVERSATION WAS VERY USEFUL AND THAT WE COULD START
EXPLORING WAYS AND MEANS TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN
AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, SUCH AS SOME OF THOSE INCLUDED
IN MR METZNER'S LETTER OF AUGUST 1: (1) NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY, SOLAR, WIND, ETC.; (2) FOOD TECHNOLOGY; (3) ARID
ZONE RESEARCH; (4) SPACE ACTIVITIES; (5) ENVIRONMENTAL
POLLUTION; (6) OCEANOGRAPHY; (7) OCEAN ENGINEERING;
(8) HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH; (9) INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT; (10) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.
OTHER AREAS COULD BE ADDED AS APPROPRIATE OF COURSE,
MANY OF THESE JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES COULD BE
CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PRESENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE US. WE WOULD
LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT A WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED
ON BOTH SIDES TO DEFINE THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES
IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION FIELD, AND
ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.
IF THIS SUGGESTION IS OF INTEREST TO THE US, AND
ARGENTINE WORKING GROUP COULD VISIT WASHINGTON AT A

SPECIFIED CONVENIENT TIME TO DISCUSS THESE IMPORTATN
ISSUES AND SET UP RESEARCH PANELS IN THE PARTICULAR
AREAS OF INTEREST. TODAY S&T IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT, IF NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT, FIELD OF
COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN NATIONS AND CERTAINLY WOULD BE
OF LASTING BENEFIT TO ARGENTINE/US BILATERAL RELATIONS.
VERY SINCERELY, /S/ RAFAEL M VAZQUEZ."

COMMENT: THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO DISCUSSIONS
HELD WITH AMB VAZQUEZ OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS
CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING US/ARGENTINE
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN A NUMBER
OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AT THIS TIME THESE
SCIENTIFIC FIELDS ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT
OF STATE AND US SCIENTIFIC AGENCY REVIEW. DURING
SCICOUNS VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST MAY SCIENTIFIC
AREAS LISTED ABOVE SEEMED TO BE OF INTEREST TO US
AGENCIES.

3. AMB CASTRO WILL HAVE BACKGROUND PAPER AND BE
IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

4. MORE BACKGROUND AND DETAILED INFORMATION IS
BEING SENT BACK TO OES NEXT WEEK WITH MR JOHN
DARDIS WHO IS NOW IN BUENOS AIRES ATTENDING TCDC
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